

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/606,579, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING MAIL," filed June 26, 2003; co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/643,745, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY PARTITIONING A POSTAGE EVIDENCING METER," filed August 19, 2003; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. ~~[[Attorney Docket No. 61135-P019US-10303184]]~~ 10/677,619, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH-SPEED POSTAGE APPLICATION MANAGEMENT," filed October 2, 2003; and U.S. Patent Application No. ~~[[Attorney Docket No. 61135-P024US-10303362]]~~ 10/677,829, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE POSTAGE METER ACCOUNT FROM A DEVICE THAT HAS A DEDICATED LOCAL METER AND ACCOUNT," filed October 2, 2003, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.